

Under these circumstances we shall consider it a great honor if your Committee insists upon our fixing another extra clamp plate fore & aft. as specified by you, & which will, as you are of course aware, put us to very considerable expense & trouble, if however your Board insists upon it, we shall have no alternative but to submit. We do trust that they will give this matter their favourable consideration, & not put us to, what we consider with all due deference an unnecessary expense. We express our opinion on this point with all confidence, as you are aware that we have on all occasions rather exceeded the rules as laid down by your Board, than otherwise, and it is our desire on all occasions to build vessels that will, without difficulty, stand A. 1 in the smartest, in the present instance, we believe that we have done this to the fullest extent.

With reference to the Bowsanchors of the *Albion*, we shall of course be glad to substitute others in order to satisfy Table No 22. attached to your rules. We thought by putting in Porter's patent anchors that we were allowed to put them in lighter, in accordance with the government rules.

We shall have the pleasure of submitting to you in the course of a few days tracing of a vessel which we purpose building under your special survey, but it will be of an entirely different construction to anything yet built for sea-going vessels, and will require the special consideration of your Board.

We are, Dear Sir

Yours very truly  
Martin Lamphere



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